

Senate Resolution 1413

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of United States Fish and Wildlife Service Director Samuel
2 Davis Hamilton III; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this nation mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the
4 passing of United States Fish and Wildlife Service Director Samuel Davis Hamilton III on
5 February 20, 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, Director Hamilton was appointed by President Barack Obama to lead the entire
7 service with nearly 10,000 employees, 551 national wildlife refuges, and 37 wetland
8 management districts; and

9 WHEREAS, before serving as United States Director, Mr. Hamilton was the agency's
10 director for the Southeast Region, where he advanced hunting and fishing opportunities,
11 administered major funding to the states and U.S. territories through the Southeast Region's
12 Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs that enabled states to manage more than 9
13 million acres and add an additional million acres to be used as hunting and wildlife
14 management areas, and helped create a cooperative to conserve and restore aquatic wildlife
15 and habitats in 14 states; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton was successful in promoting federal-state partnerships and
17 creating a collaborative atmosphere among federal, state, and local agencies and
18 non-governmental organizations in order to suppress the largest wildfire in Georgia's known
19 history at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in 2007; and

20 WHEREAS, in only six months as the service's 15th director, Mr. Hamilton boldly led an
21 initiative to form 22 science based partnerships across the nation, called Landscape
22 Conservation Cooperatives, that will bring every conservation partner to the table to
23 prioritize limited research funding to respond to the greatest conservation challenges of our
24 time; and

25 WHEREAS, Director Hamilton championed diversity within the natural resources program,
26 working with Southeast conservation partners to establish the Minorities in Natural
27 Resources Committee to eliminate the under-representation of minorities and women in
28 natural resources professions; and

29 WHEREAS, the consummate family man, Director Hamilton leaves behind many who will
30 cherish his memory, including his wife, Becky; his sons, Sam and Clay; and his grandson,
31 Davis; and

32 WHEREAS, a man who was passionate about protecting and celebrating this nation's natural
33 resources, Director Hamilton will long be remembered for his strong leadership and
34 collaborative spirit, and this loyal father, patriot, and friend will be missed by all who had
35 the great fortune of knowing him.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join in honoring the life and memory of Director Samuel Davis Hamilton III and express
38 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Hamilton family.